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October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

In the United States, one out of every four women and one in nine men will be a victim of domestic violence.ⁱ In Virginia, one in three women has been abused, sexually assaulted, and/or stalked by an intimate partner.ⁱⁱ Domestic violence hotlines serving Fairfax County and City of Fairfax receive an average of 240 calls each month.ⁱⁱⁱ

Domestic violence can be emotional, physical, or verbal. It includes using threats, violence, or financial resources to exert control over a family member or intimate partner. The partners may be married, living together, or dating—it is still domestic violence. Examples of domestic violence include actual or threatened physical abuse, financial control, stalking, and verbal insults.^{iv}

Learn more about warning signs and resources available to survivors and families in the City of Fairfax City by calling the Domestic Violence Action Center in the Historic Fairfax County Courthouse at 703-246-4573 or [online](#).

The 24-hour domestic violence hotline can be reached at 703-360-7273.

ⁱ County of Fairfax. Office for Women & Domestic and Sexual Violence Services. [Know the Facts: Domestic Violence. Fairfax, 2013.](#)

ⁱⁱ County of Fairfax. Office for Women & Domestic and Sexual Violence Services. [DVAC Domestic Violence Action Center brochure.](#) Fairfax, 2013.

ⁱⁱⁱ County of Fairfax. Domestic Violence Prevention, Policy & Coordinating Council. [2014 Annual Report.](#) Fairfax, 2014.

^{iv} County of Fairfax. Office for Women & Domestic and Sexual Violence Services. [DVAC Domestic Violence Action Center brochure.](#) Fairfax, 2013; and City of Fairfax. Commission for Women. [Someone You Know May Need Help brochure.](#)